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Box No. I Basis of the report

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 pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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 the claims:
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 – 7	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 – 7	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 – 7	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. Document **D4** (EP-A-0 314 357), considered to be the closest prior art, discloses a clamping device with all the features of the preamble of the amended **claim 1**, from which the subject matter of said claim differs in that:
 - the two expanding elements can be adjusted relative to the clamping part;
 - the expanding elements are screwed onto threaded sections of a threaded shaft with threads running in opposite directions; and in that
 - a threaded part comprising the threaded shaft is attached to the inner tube, the tubes being telescopically inserted one within the other.
2. The subject matter of the amended claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).
3. The effect of the distinguishing features is that the rotation of the tubes gives rise to a

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relatively large axial movement of the two extended elements towards one another and, in consequence, the required clamping effect can be more rapidly obtained.

The problem addressed by the present invention can consequently be regarded as that of making the clamping process faster (see the description, page 1, lines 38 ff.).

4. No such solution is proposed in the available prior art. Although document **D1** (US-A-5 263 802) discloses expanding blocks that are screwed onto two ends of a threaded shaft, the clamping device according to said document is fundamentally different in design and purpose from the device known from D4. In consequence, said two documents in combination do not lead in an obvious manner to the subject matter of claim 1.

Thus, the solution proposed in claim 1 involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).

5. **Claims 2-7** are dependent on claim 1 and, therefore, likewise satisfy the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and inventive step.